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Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals: tests and criteria for oxidizing liquids and solids

Round Robin testing programme – Test O.2: Test for oxidizing liquids and Test O.3: Test for oxidizing solids Step 1: "Test O.2: Test for oxidizing liquids"

Report on progress

Transmitted by the expert from France[1]

Introduction

1. During its seventh session the Committee approved the programme of work of its two sub-committees for the biennium 2015–2016 (see ST/SG/AC.10/42, para 15; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92, para 95; ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/56, annex III). This programme of work includes the tests and criteria for oxidizing liquids and solids.

2. As indicated by the expert from France in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/95-ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/19, the calendar for the Round Robin Testing (RRT) Programme in Tests O.2 and O.3 has been applied and the RRT programme has been started with Step 1: "Test O.2: test for oxidizing liquids.".

[1] In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2015–2016 approved by the Committee at its seventh session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92, paragraph 95 and ST/SG/AC.10/42, para. 15).

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3. Following the invitation sent by INERIS (Institut National de l'Environnement Industriel et des Risques), France, in September 2014, eleven laboratories from seven countries have confirmed their willingness to participate in this RRT Programme.

4. As leading laboratory INERIS selected three cellulose candidates as replacement cellulose in Test O.2 and proposed to the participating laboratories a draft RRT programme for Test O.2 in January 2015. Based on the comments received, the final approved RRT Programme has been issued in February 2015 and the three cellulose samples have been shipped to the participating laboratories.

5. The overall results from the participating laboratories are expected in May 2015 with a view to presenting those first results to the sub-committees in June/July 2015.

6. The next steps of the RRT programme are identified in ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/95-ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/19, see table in para 1.